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Readers Stop
Writing Complaints

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One Suggestion
Sent From Rensselaer

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Something that's baffled us considerably during the past week is the fact that not a single reader has sent in a letter of complaint. We don't know what the trouble is. Perhaps no one wants to complain about a competitive issue, and then again, maybe a would-be writer is afraid that his letter and name will be set up in type for the public gaze. In all events, we miss many cheery little notes that used to fill our mail bax telling us how incompetent we are and how such and such an article is no good. To keep the column alive this week we have searched our files and produced two dusty letters which contain a germ of thought to go on. But they cannot fill the hole in our mail box. We long for the good old days back again.

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One of the letters, from the editor of the Rennsalaer "Polytechnic", brings to light the fact that RPI's students were quite indignant over LIFE'S editorial on their lack of spirit. According to the RPI editor, our editorial did more towards arousing some spirit than anything the home paper produced, and the suggestion was therefore added that we write the editorials for the "Polytechnic", while the Troy publications men do the same for us. We don't know about this. It looks too much like one enemy helping another. Think of what would happen if Hitler's typewriter boys got their work published in the London "Times", and imagine the reaction when the Umbrellamen had their material printed in Berlin's news organs. WOW!

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A complaint is stated in the other letter to the effect that **Life**

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Alumni Review Published Soon

The Alumni Review, to be distributed during the coming vacation, is even more complete than usual, containing in addition to its customary features, pictures, sketches, and articles of great interest both to the alumni and to the student body.

The two most important features were written by President Cowley and by Professor Edward W. Root, '05. The first, "The Clinentele of American Higher Education", is an excerpt from the chapter being written by Dr. Cowley for publication in an English volume soon to be released, dealing with international higher education. The President received the honor of being chosen to present the American viewpoint, and this article is a selection from his writings.

The second, "Hamilton's Portrait Collection", tells the story behind the various pictures in the Administration Building, with seven prints being included in the article. Biographical sketches of Hamilton's many men of science, an article concerning the college's musical traditions and the continuation of the "Clinton to Clinton at Clinton" letters the literary end of the issue.

Also included are pictures of Hockey, Skiing, Winter Carnival, the Utica Alumni dinner, and various scenes of the college life, taken by Professor Cameron. Dick Allen, '39, is responsible for the cover-picture of the College snow-plow in action. Students will be able to obtain copies upon request in the office after vacation.

Hill Fencers Beat Orange Squad in Easy Competition

Williams, Kelley, Warfield, Star for Continentals; First Win of Season

In the final meet of the season, Hamilton's fencing squad hung up its first victory of the year when the Continentals downed a visiting Syracuse University team 21-6 Saturday afternoon.

Three of the six bouts won by the losers were annexed by their coach, Gregory K. Dwyer, who exhibited his versitility by fencing all three weapons and winning a bout in each.

Four members of the Hamilton squad made perfect scores in helping their team pile up the decisive win. Captain Williams, and Kelly each won three epee bouts, Warfield registered three wins in the foils division, and Allen performed likewise in the sabre event.

The squad exhibited fine form in their conquest of the Orange team. The fencers should be ready for action when the compete in the intercollegiates during spring vacation.

The summary:

Foils

Warfield (H) defeated Berensen 5-3, Zapeda 5-2 and Ryan 5-1.

LaForce (H) defeated Berensen 5-0 and Ryan 5-1.

Berkowitz (H) defeated Ryan 5-3.

Dwyer (S) defeated Berkowitz 5-4.

Zapeda (S) defeated Eisengrein 5-1 and Adair 5-1.

Epee

Williams (H) defeated Dwyer 3-2, Berensen 3-1, Zapeda 3-1.

Kelly (H) defeated Dwyer 3-1, Berensen 3-1, Zapeda 3-1.

Thompson (H) defeated Berensen 3-0, Zapeda 3-1.

Dwyer (S) defeated Thompson 3-1.

Sabre

Bramley (H) defeated Ryan 5-1, Zapeda 5-3.

Allen (H) defeated Ryan 5-1, Zapeda 5-2, Dwyer 5-1.

Moon (H) defeated Ryan 5-0, Zapeda 5-1.

Dwyer (S) defeated Bramley 5-4.

Berensen (S) defeated Platt (H) 5-4.

Throughout the season, the Hamilton swordsmen have steadily improved. Their victory over Syracuse displayed power which will help them in New York.

Ski Team Captain

Henry Eagle, '40

Society of Physicists To Hold Meeting Here During Spring Vacation

Inventor of "Invisible Glass" to Talk at Spring Session of State Scientists

April 1, while the students are home for vacation, Hamilton College will be host to the spring meeting of the New York State Section of the American Physical Society. After an address of welcome by President Cowley, the morning session will commence with a talk on "Energy Production in the Stars", by H. A. Bethe, of Cornell University. Following this, ten-minute papers on laboratory and demonstration apparatus will be given by H. A. Sherman, Manlius School; D. P. Randall, Syracuse University; F. J. Studer, Union College; W. M. Cady, Cornell University; P. F. Gaehr, Wells College. There will be an exhibition of apparatus contributed by members of the New York State Section, which may be viewed during the noon recess.

Appearing in the afternoon session, will be representitives from two large research laboratories. Katherine B. Blodgett, of the General Electric Research Laboratory, recently known for her invention of "invisible glass", will talk on "Neo-Reflecting Films". H. F.

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Urgent Need Seen for Telephones Installed in Hamilton Dormitories

For years, now, the telephone situation at Hamilton has been the cause of much unfavorable comment. It is difficult to understand why a college as well equipped as Hamilton has provided its students with only one telephone, and that, in an unventilated poorly fitted closet.

The one telephone located in North College has been an imposition on the residents of North and an inconvenience to those of South College and Carnegie Hall If an out-of-town call comes for a resident of one of these last two dormitories, the student of North who has answered the phone feels obligated to leave the building and find the man who has been called. Many times students have been forced to put down their work and search the campus and buildings for a man wanted on the phone. If the matter happens to be urgent, this delay might be dangerous. Then too, it is often inconvenient for men in South and Carnegie to leave their buildings to answer calls.

There is a definite need for telephones in both sides of South College and Carnegie Hall. The college, however, would not need to undergo the expense of any construction work to install the phones. In a conversation with an official of the Utica branch of the New York Telephone Company, your correspondent was informed that for a fee of approximately $10, a modern sound-proof booth with a coin-box phone would be completely installed on the ground floor of a dormitory. In addition to this installation fee, a rented fee of $1.25 per month and a guarantee of at least two local calls per day (a total of 10¢ would be required. There is such a demand for telephones on the campus that, nedless to say, this last charge would amount to very little. This official also stated that possibly after an investigation of the need for these additional phones, the telephone company itself might install one or two as an investment, without charging any installation or rental fee.

Hence it would require an initial cost of $50 and a monthly rental of only $6.50 plus a daily guarantee of ten local calls (50¢) to install telephones in each side of South College and Carnegie Hall and an additional one in North College.

Faculty Club Hears Dr. Saunders Speak On Peonies

Last Thursday night, Dr. Saunders spoke to the Faculty Club on "Peonies for the Garden". Dr. Saunders told the faculty members and their wives of the many different varieties of peonies, related how much time he had wasted trying to make impossible crosses between herbaceous and tree peonies. The difficulties of Dr. Saunder's hobby are more apparent when one realizes that it takes seven or eight years to grow a peonie from seed to bloom. During the lecture, Dr. Butcher showed slides of new and rare breeds of peonies.

Professor Irwin Edman Of Columbia Lectures To Hill Students Friday

Author of "Philosopher's Holiday" Speaks on "Philosophy and The Social Crisis"

Professor Irwin Edman of the Philosophy Department of Columbia University continued the series of Chapel lectures by speaking on "Philosophy and the Social Crisis" last Friday night. He was introduced to about 300 members of the student body and faculty by Professor Blyth.

The essence of Professor Edman's speech lay in a defense of philosophy against the attacks commonly made on it, especially in a time of social crisis.

In short, he based his discussion on a definition of a philosopher given by Plato: "The philosopher is a spectator of all time and existence". Forming the hypothesis from this definition that the attitude of the philospher is purely contemplative, the speaker presented two questions most frequently put to philosophy: (1) Is contemplation a luxury, and if so can we tolerate it? (2) Is contemplation a necessity, and if so what good is it?

In answer to the first question Professor Edman stated that "un-

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New Yorker Does Woollcott Profile

In the first installment of a three article "Profile" in the "New Yorker" of Hamilton's distinguish trustee and alumnus, Alexander Woollcott, Wolcott Gibbs pictures the critic and writer as fat, sentimental, and effeminate. William Cotton's caricature, which accompanies the article, shows "Big Nemo", as the story calls Woollcott, with a large Hamilton pennent in the background. Gibbs also tells how much Hamilton means to Woollcott. Of his activities at Hamilton the article says:

"Hamilton has a small college, and in its student body of two hundred Alexander Humphreys Woollcott, '09, was pretty conspicuous, having a busy little finger in practically everything except athletics, which he loathed. He was editor of the monthly magazine; he founded and directed the dramatic club and acted female parts in its production; he did monologues with the glee club; he even drank a little from time to time, preferring absinthe because of its sinister reputation."

The rest of the article paints a vivid picture of Woollcott, telling many anecdotes about young Alex's childhood, including the one about his experience with some bullies in Kansas City.

"It got to be a practice among the larger boys to toss the little intellectual off the veranda onto his head and then, when he had wept and subsequently collected his nickel (from a neighbor trying to pacify him), to take it away from him."

McKinney Debate Held in Chapel at 8 O'clock Tonight

Dictatorships' Propaganda Issue to Be Stressed By Affirmative

The necessity of indoctrination in education for the preservation of democracy will be the topic debated by four seniors in the annual McKinney Prize Debate in the chapel tonight at 8:00.

The affirmative view will be upheld by W. Allenby Jones and Horace G. Underwood. The negative side was Oliver Treyz and Alan McMillen. Frank Merritt, who had originally been on the affirmative side of the case, was forced to withdraw at the beginning of this week because of illiness in his family. Underwood, who has takn part previously in intercollegiate debates, is Merritt's replacement.

In pre-debate information, Jones indicated that a large part of the affirmative case would be devoted to stressing the necessity for a counter to the propaganda emanating from the dictatorships. He declared that the affirmative side would stress the necessity for inculcating American principles in the young. Treyz declared that the dangers in such a program for the schools to our liberties and our own democracy would be one of the negative strong points.

The McKinney Prize Debate is made possible by a foundation of $1500 given by Charles McKinney. Each year four seniors are selected from the senior class on the basis of excellence in debating who are to compete for the annual prizes. First prize to the best speaker is 50 dollars, and the runner-up is awarded 25 dollars.

Marriage to Take Place in Chapel

Next Saturday afternoon, March 25, the wedding ceremony of George E. Beilby, '38, to Esther Sicard will take place in the College Chapel at 4:30 p. m.

Beilby, a resident of Albany, is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the Quadrangle honor society. While in college he played football for four years, and basketball and baseball for one. He was on the staff of **Hamilton Life**, and for four years acted for the Charlatans, being elected president in his senior year.

Esther Sicard is the daughter of Mr. George H. Sicard, '06 and Mrs. Sicard, of Syracuse.

After the ceremonies a wedding reception will be held in the Sigma Phi Place.

Annual Banquet Held By New York Alumni

General Migration From Hill Starts Friday at 4:30

Much to the relief of some four hundred odd students and of some forty even more odd faculty members, the spring recess officially begins on Friday, March 24th, at 4:30 p. m., and extends until April 5th at 8:30 a. m. Class cuts will be counted double the last three days before and the first three days after the vacation, as usual.

Over 300 Attend Affair at Hotel Pennsylvania; Four Go From Hill

Dr. Cowley Speaks

Richard W. Kaiser, '20, Presides; William M. Bristol, '17, Is Chairman For This Year

The annual banquet of the New York Alumni Association was held last Friday evening at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. Present were about three-hundred Hamilton graduates, constituting one of the largest turnouts in recent years. Richard W. Kaiser, '20, presided as president of the Association. The chief speakers of the evening were Clark H. Minor, '02, Hamilton trustee, and President W. H. Cowley.

Mr. Minor, who is president of International General Electric Company, spoke on the European crisis. The nature of his business has enabled him to become intimately acquainted with foreign affairs. Following Mr. Minor's speech, President Cowley discussed his approach to Hamilton problems. He asserted that he considers it his major duty during his first year as president to find out facts concerning the college, its alumni, and its student body. During the summer months President Cowley will study thoroughly the facts collected and will use them as the basis for a comprehensive report which he expects to have completed by the opening of college in September.

Before introducing the principal speakers of the evening, Mr. Kaiser presented William B. Bristol, '17, who spoke briefly on the progress of the new gymnasium. In addition to Mr. Bristol's talk a few remarks were made by Dwight Holbrook, '75, the oldest alumnus present, and by Edgar B. Graves, Professor of History, who spoke about his current tour of small eastern colleges.

Professor Graves commented briefly on the curricula and other activities of the various colleges he had visited, and compared the programs of these colleges to that of Hamilton. He explained that the purpose of his visits was to eliminate the weakness of the College and to bring out its strong points.

Mr. Bristol was elected president of the Association for the ensuing year.

Those from the Hill who attended the banquet were President William H. Cowley, Professor Edgar B. Graves, Willace B. Johnson, and William E. Weid.

Rutgers Debaters Oppose Hill Team

Freshmen Debate at Rome; Jones and Hansmann to Meet Princeton

On Friday, March 17, at 4:30 p. m. a Hamilton debate team held a contest here against a visiting Rutgers University duo. The debate was held at the Delta Upsilon house, and Professor Mineka presided. The question was, Resolved: The United States should make a formal alliance with Great Britain.

Upholding the affirmative, the visiting debaters maintained that the democracies should present a united front against a growing opposition. Each team made two advance speeches and one rebuttal. The Hamilton debaters were Edwin Waskiewicz and T. Litchfield Howe. They emphasized the fact that the treaty proposed would be almost entirely to Great Britain's advantage.

No decision was given, but discussion of the question followed. Mr. Marsh stated that he was pleased with the results of the debate, which was the first held at 4:30 p. m., and that he favors future debates for the same hour of the afternoon.

The next event on the Hill's forensic calendar is the freshman debate at Rome Free Academy on Tuesday night, March 20. Two Hamilton teams will participate in the double debate, on the question of an alliance with Great Britian Harold Zaehringer and James Knight will uphold the affirmative against a Rome team. Anthony Pomilio, whodebated for Rome last year, and James Tillman will take the negative side against a second Rome team. No decision will be given.

During vacation, on March 28,

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Amateur Electrician Uses Room For Research; Make-Shift Lab Contains Peculiar Apparatus

If you're ever in the third floor in the south end of South with time on your hands, drop into Room 7 and ask Ben Denison, '42, to show you his electrical apparatus.

When this reporter entered his study, the only illumination was coming from a tiny, 10-watt bulb next to the two main ceiling lights, which were off. In order to see more clearly, we turned to the wall switch. To our surprise, there was not one, but four, push buttons on the switch. Trusting to luck, we pushed one. The 10-watt bulb went off and a 100-watt flashed on. By its light we saw typewritten directions on adhesive tape, stuck beside the push buttons. "Dim", "Bright", "Right Blub", and "Left Bulb", we tried them all and got different combinations using the two 100-watt bulbs in the main fixture and the 10-watt bulb next to them. Had not Ben emerged from his bedroom at this point, we undoubtedly would have played with the switch for the next half-hour.

Our first question was, "Is this the way you spend your spare time, Ben?"

"You're right. The trouble is, I spend too much time that isn't spare, on it," Ben solemnly replied. "I've got some more junk in my bedroom, if you want to see it."

Whereupon we entered his bedroom, the walls and ceiling of which were decorated with wires and more wires, radio diagrams, switches, and blue Christmas tree lights. Noticing a black metal box on his bureau, we inquired as to its nature. We found that it was an electric alarm clock which can be set to ring regularly every eight minutes, every fifteen, or whatever interval you wish, for the duration of a minute or so. Needless to say, Ben put it together. He has connected it to a buzzer in the springs of his bed, with the result that he is vibrated into wakefulness every morning at 7:30

Delving further into Ben's electrical experiences, we found that since coming to college last September, he has acquired three worthless radios for the sum total of $2.25 and put them all in working condition at a cost of only $.75.

Asked if he had any ideas for more appliances in his room, Ben replied, "After spring vacation, I'm going to connect that motor in the corner with the alarm clock and my window. Then when the alarm goes off, it will start the motor, and that will shut my window."

Much impressed with Ben's working knowledge of electricity, we asked what he was doing at Hamilton College. To this Ben answered, "I'm studying to be a doctor."

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COOPERATIVE BUYING

One of the proposals now being studied by the Senior Committee is that of cooperative buying on the part of the various fraternities and the College Commons. We wish to give our full recommendation to the plan, and to outline it clearly enough to enable each undergraduate to understand the subject when it becomes a topic of discussion in the near future.

Under a system of cooperative buying, some well qualified person is authorized by the participating groups to act as their purchasing agent in all transactions in which wholesale buying would prove advantageous.

Let us suppose that the fraternities on the Hill retained such a man this spring. During the summer, he would investigate the quality and prices of the various brands of canned goods, soap, and other non-perishable necessities, and contract with the firm offering the most attractive rate to deliver the necessary amount of each commodity to the various houses. Next a contract would be arranged with a reliable meat dealer to provide the fraternities with meat each day during the coming college year, and a similar arrangement would be made with respect to dairy products.

After the school year had begun, the purchasing agent would visit the wholesale produce markets each morning and buy the day's supply of fresh vegetables for the college. The price and quality of vegetables vary a great deal from day to day, and a substantial saving could be made on this item alone.

It has been estimated that if such a system as the one outlined above were put into effect, each fraternity could save at least twenty percent each year of what it now spends for food. It would take only a fraction of the sum saved by each house to provide an adequate salary for the purchasing agent, and the board bill of every college man would be substantially reduced.

The only argument which we can see against such a system is that the menus of the various fraternities would be much the same on various days, and it is possible that some houses could not afford the menus planned by the other groups. Whether or not this difficulty can be overcome remains to be seen when the topic is brought up for discussion after the spring recess.

NEW RUSHING RULES

We were glad to see yesterday that action has at last been resumed on the interfraternity council's plan to draw up a new set of rushing rules. For a while it looked as if the project were going to be dropped, and that the work would have to be postponed until next year; but now that President Cowley has scheduled a meeting of the rushing chairmen, it appears likely that at least a rough draft of a proposed new plan will appear in the near future.

Whether or not the committee will succeed in having a new set of rules drawn up in time to be put into effect next year will depend almost entirely on the work done on the project within a month after vacation. Any such plan will probably have many flaws in it which are not noticeable to its creators, and for that reason, the various houses, as well as the administration, must have enough time to check the new regulations thoroughly preparatory to their formal adoption. Another reason for haste is the fact that the further on it gets in the spring term, the less time the seniors will have to spend on devising a new rushing scheme, and men who are not fully acquainted with the problem may make mistakes. We know that last year's rushing chairmen have been busy in gathering information about rushing regulations in other colleges, but we are doubtful as to the possible application of these rules at Hamilton. It is likely that an entirely unique scheme must be drawn up.

Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

Dr. Albert H. Rodgers, '90, who had practiced medicine in Corning, N. Y., for forty-one years, died suddenly on March 16. He was an expert in anaesthetics, and during the World War held the rank of captain in the Medical Corps. He was a brother of Rev. James B. Rodgers, D.D., '85, and an uncle of Henry A. Rodgers, '30.

J. Sawyer Fitch, '08, attorney of Rochester, and member of the firm of Castle and Fitch, was elected on March 10 to the board of directors of the Genesee Valley Trust Company. Mr. Fitch, who is a trustee of Hamilton, is also a trustee and a member of the executive committee of Colgate- Rochester Theological Seminary.

April first has been set as the date of the marriage of Miss Betty Keffer of Englewood, N. J., to Donald W. Baird, '29, of Springfield, Mass.

A daughter, Deirdre McLoughlin, was born to John McLoughlin Birch, '30, and Mrs. Birch on March 14 in Faxton Hospital, Utica.

Richard B. Pippitt, M.D., '32, now a member of the resident staff of Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, has received from Harvard Medical School the award of the Mosely Fellowship, and will study neurology for one year, beginning January 1, 1940, in the Queens Hospital, London, England.

Dr. J. K. Poppe, '33, has recently received appointment as Assistant Resident in Surgery at the New Haven Hospital, Yale Medical Center.

The engagement of Miss Evaline Igleheart of Greenwich, Conn., to Weslty D. Hamilton, '34, has been announced. Mr. Hamilton is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance.

Elmer E. Yelton, professor of ethics and religion in Russell Sage College, and father of Elmer E. Yelton, Jr., '34, and Donald C. Yelton, '35, died in Schenectady on February 25.

Eddy and Maloy Set Pace in Track Meet

Although the relay and 220 events run off today were completed too late for this publication, the Psi U's were leading the competition until that time by a comfortable margin. The combined scoring of Bernie Maloy and Bill Eddy was responsible for two first's and one third, for a total of 13 points. The D. U.'s were next in order with the 8 gathered in by the Underwood twins, while the individual work of Mark and Tice kept the E. L. S.'s and Chi Psi's in there with 7 and 6 respectively. The order of the other fraternities was the Sig's, the Theta Delt's the Squires, and the Teke's.

Maloy took the 440 handily in 56 flat, although he had done even better in the trials held the day before. Running conditions were very poor both Monday and Tuesday because of the exereme cold and the poor condition of the track. Tex Bramley took the mile contest in a comparatively slow time of 5:15, which nevertheless was well and consistantly run. The 880, timed at 2:16.2 was taken by Bill Eddy by a good margin although he was led for three of the four laps by Bill Tice, who came in second in the final count.

The two events held this afternoon may change the aspect of the competition somewhat; but the Psi U's are slated to win.

THE SAGA OF THE STOLEN TRUCK

(Tune: There Was a Gathering of the Clan)

There was a gathering of the Dekes, They were a merry throng,
As they filled up their glasses, And lifted up their song,

(Chorus) Singing, how do you, Deke men, How do you do?
We killed a barrel last night, Tonight we'll kill a new.

A quartet of the drinkers, Drank more than was their share,
The keg went down right swiftly, And left them in the air,

The four did leave the Deke house, They stumbled down the Hill,
Their legs got tired of walking, "To truck!" they cried while still

The truck sped on through darkness, The lights flashed all around,
Within and round about them, But still was heard the sound,

At last they reached a border, Into another land
The truck they all abandoned, And found that they could stand,

"Let's home!" cried one, now sober, As in a car three climbed,
"Hell, no!" the trio shouted, So one was left behind,

The three were in their glory, The car it sped along,
A trooper heard the story, And listened for their song,

The car was soon discarded, The lads went on with cheer,
"To Montreal," they shouted, "'Tis there we'll get some beer."

To Prescott, o'er the water, They went, came back again,
A trooper heard them singing, And clapped them in the pen,

The judge gazed at them sadly, As he sat on the bench,
"My lads," he said with sorrow, "This is a grave offense."

"To jail I must send you, As thieves you surely be,
And hold you here for sentence, Six weeks from now you see."

"But bail," cried one young hopeful, "Please let us out on bail,
The town we don't think much of, Nor do we like the jail."

A father got the story, And raised a wad of dough,
To send to the policemen, Who let the trio go,

The fourth came back to college, To get a pill he said,
He went to the infirmary, They put the lad to bed,

And Prexy drew an outline, He spoke in chapel too,
"Ahem," he said, "'Tis awful, The things some boys will do."

"'Tis bad to steal an auto, They should have gone by train,
The stories in the news, gad, I'd rather stick to Main."

The Deke house felt the sting of, The notoriety,
"Oh lord," they cried, "hereafter, We'd better stick to tea!"

The campus was enlivened, The story got around,
And now we sing this ballad, It makes a merry sound,

Dr. VanDusen Preaches Eternal Power of Christ

Using as his text "On this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it", from the sixteenth chapter of St. Mathew, Dean P. VanDusen of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, delivered his sermon last Sunday in the College chapel.

Asking if "the gates of Hell" had as yet prevailed against Christianity, Dr. VanDusen proceeded to prove that they hadn't. Using as an illustration his recent worldwide trip on which he covered over 40,000 miles and visited five continents, Dean VanDusen showed how Christianity has been an invincible power in every land, and mentioned the fact that in spite of the ridicule which Germany has heaped on the church, that institution has been the only one able to stand against the might of Hitler.

Continuing, Dr. VanDusen deplored the degrading influence of modern civilization on primitive people, using the Fiji Islands as an example.

Dean VanDusen asserted that, at the meeting of representatives of all christian faiths at Madras, India, which he attended, perfect harmony and understanding existed between all nationalities and all faiths. International meetings, he said, which were not held together by the common spirit of Christianity, could never hope to show the spirit of brotherhood.

Dr. VanDusen concluded his sermon by stating that Christianity is everlasting, and that future historians will be wont to say that it was Christianity that held the world together during the present period of war deceit and prosecution.

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Prospects Only Fair for Four Spring Sport Squads

Baseball Team Lacks Mound Power; Net Squad Depleted

With basketball and hockey definitely concluded for this season, and fencing due to terminate with the Intercollegiates during vacation, Hill athletes are turning to spring sports. Calls for baseball and track candidates have already been issued by Coaches Weber and Winters, and aspirants for positions on those squads have been working out in the gym and the Sage Building. Tennis and golf are to be started as soon as the weather permits.

Coach Weber finds himself faced with a serious problem as he looks over his diamond forces, namely, the development of a pitcher capable of going the route in varsity competition. He has no experienced moundsmen in this year's squad to fill the shoes of "Butch" Fowler, star twirler and captain of last year's nine. Those who will try for this position include Marty Hilfinger, Jack Williams, Bill Davis, Bill Kirk, and Jim Henderson. Handicapped only by lack of control, Hilfinger seems the most promising of the group, and if he develops his control, he should be effective against rival batsmen. Art Petronio seems to have the best chance of clinching the catching berth held last year by Jerry Button. Kirk and Wes Perine are also catchers. Captain Bill Towner is slated to return as regular shortstop, a position he has held for the past two seasons. At first base Hilfinger appears a fixture when he is not pitching; in that event Walter Roider will move in from the outfield to cover the initial sack. Jack Williams shows enough promise at second base to lead to the belief that he will take over that spot, ably filled last year by Gene Sullivan. Bill Joy, sophomore hockey flash and the outstanding infielder on last year's freshman squad, will be in the thick of the fight for the hot corner job. In the outfield we may expect to see the trio of Davis, Roider, and Kirk. Who will take Roider's place when he moves in to first is another of Coach Weber's problems. Sophomores who will attempt to break into the starting lineup include Pete Hatch, Dick Allman, Fel Davies, Lloyd Knox, and Johnny Miller. The squad will have approximately three weeks of practice after vacation before opening the season with a road game against Albany State.

Nine lettermen return from last year's luckless track squad; seniors Bill Tice, Bill Fancher, Tex Bramley, and Ham Dodge, and juniors Wilson Mark, Bernie Maloy, Murray Gardner, Red Sisson, and Bob Heidner. Here the biggest task will be finding hurdlers and distance men. The absence of Captain Dalton and Leavenworth, who received their diplomas last June, and Pete Vanderwaart, who transferred, will be keenly felt. The sophomore candidates are not very promising, only Bill Eddy having had sufficient experience to warrant serious consideration for a regular position. The Buff and Blue trackmen journey to Troy for their first meet, where on May 6 they meet R. P. I.

The tennis team will miss Hugh Riddleberger, last year's captain, Monty Pooley, Gar Laux, and Bill Getman, all of whom were fine netmen. Left as a nucleus about which to build his 1939 team, Coach Gelas has Gus Erickson, Dave Bate, Jim Hardner, and Frank Phelps. Ed Abbey and Bill MacLenathen of last year's freshman outfit will give any of those mentioned above except Erickson a real battle for starting berths.

On the links, Hamilton will probably be represented by Harry Gilmore, Tommy Bush, Ham Gouge, Walt Rogers, Johnny Giffen, Larry Kennedy, and Stu Russell. Tom Kelly, who captained the 1938 team, will be sorely missed inasmuch as he was one of the best golfers to come to the Hill in recent years.

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Three Teams Tied at End Of Fencing Competition

The interclass fencing competition came to a close on Monday afternoon, when the Sophomore team defeated the freshman by a score of 10-5. The competition ended in a three way tie, therefore, since all three teams have won one meet and lost one.

The sophomores managed to get a 5-4 lead in the foils, and then went on to win easily in the epee and saber divisions. Deyo, Reynolds, Peach, Millner, Smith, Moon, Eisengrein and Berkowitz fenced for the sophomores. The frosh were represented by Wieder, Williford, Deck, Colby, Bennett, Zachringer, Gillmore, and Doremus.

The freshmen defeated the upperclassmen on Friday, 9-7, after the junior-seniors had defeated the sophomores by 8-6.

Sport Notes

By W. J. Roider, '39

Something's wrong! Our calendar says that today is the second day of spring, but as we write this column, we can gaze out over a snowy and icy campus, and we don't have to tax our minds much to imagine the cold wind which is sweeping down the quadrangle at the present time. Baseball is definitely not in the air at Hamilton...at least, not yet.

But encouraging reports are arriving from the sunny South. The big leaguers are reaching the midpoint of their spring training season, and will soon be taking to the road for exhibition games in the Grapefruit League. And you don't even have to go as far as the South to find baseball. Step over to the gym any afternoon, and you'll find Coach Weber working diligently with his baseball candidates. Which brings us to the point which we had in mind when we started writing this week's column. How will the baseball team shape up this season?

And friends you've got us there. Last fall we would have predicted that Hamilton would be represented by a cracker-jack nine this year, but several events have happened since that time which have made things a little complicated.

Prospects were fine for a while. Several veterans from last year's succesful team were returning, and three or four good freshmen were moving up to varsity ranks, among them two promising pitchers. But because of ineligibility, one transfer, and numerous other reasons, the material expected to be cavorting on the diamond this spring has dwindled alarmingly. The pitching staff presents the main problem in the building of a winning team this season; not one experienced pitcher was on hand when Coach Weber issued his call for twirlers. Marty Hilfinger had seen some service on mound the year before, but outside of the left-hander, the staff is entirely an unknown quantity.

The catching department seems to be in the capable hands of Art Petronio, who has had valuable experience catching for Utica nines. The infield, which lost only one man by graduation, is now unsettled and several men will be forced to double in positions since any infielder may be called upon to take over the pitching duties during the course of a game. Captain Billy Towner, Hilfinger, and Walt Roider are veterans who have taken care of the infield positions in the past two years, but since Hilfinger will do some pitching, and Towner's injured leg is still unsteady, nothing definite can be stated as to their positions until the season starts.

The outfield presents the last question. There again the situation of pitchers playing the outer gardens arises, and so no particular position can be assigned any one man.

But don't sell the baseball team short. They have lots of hitting power in their lineup, and they have plenty of spirit. If those two factors can triump over the difficulties which have arisen, the season facing them will be successful.

Our congratulations to the two Clinton men who were chosen to take part in the tryouts for the Olympic hockey team. The committee in charge of the selection of players for this squad picked Art Scoones, defense man, and Red Goering, clever goalie, both of whom played sparkling games all winter with the Clinton Hockey Club. Captain Howard Jones, Colgate's versatile goalie, was also chosen to appear for the tryouts. We wish all three men good luck, and believe that if they make the team, the United States will have picked hree fine players to represent this country in the Winter Olympics.

We received a letter the other day from a gentleman in Massachusetts, who had come across our recent analysis of the present situation of Hamilton athletics, and who suggested to us the following startling plan.

Why not, asks our Massachusetts writer, eliminate all intercollegiate competition, and turn the time spent in the practicing for competitive sports into useful, hard labor for the betterment of the college community, and the upbuilding of the body?

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Winning Pictures to Be Exhibited In Library

At a meeting held last Wednesday, the Camera Club judged a group of prints submitted in the contest on "Faces". Professor Cameron, Jack Gawler, and Dick Allen won first, second, and third prizes respectively. The twelve best prints on the subject will be exhibited in the secondfloor hall of the Library. A box and ballots will be provided for student votes and comments on the prints.

The subject of the next contest is "April". Entries will be judged at the Camera Club meeting, April 5th, at the Theta Delta Chi house. Professor Cameron and Richard Allen will give an informal talk on print criticism.

Intercollegiate Fencers Meet In New York Tournament

Hamilton Swordsmen Among Twelve Competitors

The forty-sixth championship tournament of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, annually one of the most colorful spectacles in the realm of college sport, will be held at the 7th Regiment Armory, in New York, on March 31 and April 1, it was announced by Asa S. Bushnell, secretary-treasurer of the I. C. F. A. New York University, winner of the three-weapon title for the past four years, will seek to defend against a field of eleven other colleges that includes Army, C. C. N. Y., Columbia, Cornell, Hamilton, Harvard, M. I. T., Navy, Pennsylvania, Princeton, and Yale.

New champions will be crowned in all three of the individual events, since all three champions were graduated last year. With the exception of the epee, the top three-men in each weapon have concluded their varsity careers. They include Danny Bukantz, of C. C. N. Y., Maurice Grasson, of Yale, and Milton Soroka, of N. Y. U., in foil; Harry Foley, of Navy, Stanley Sarnoff, of Princeton, in epee; and Donald Thackery, of Army, Jack Gorlin, of N. Y. U., and Phil Viscidi, of Yale in saber. Jesse Croach, of Harvard, who finished third in the Class A epee pool, will be on hand for the 1939 tests.

N. Y. U. and Harvard will make a strong bid for the team foils honors now held by Yale. The Blue, with only Paul Perlowin remaining from last year's championship combine, dropped a foils decision to St. John's University at New Haven. St. John's in turn, suffered a surprising setback at the hands of an N. Y. U. foils trio composed of Giolito, Ignatow, and Cassel, two weeks later. Harvard won the foils team honors in the recent pentagonal meet at Annapolis, and should have a potent contender for the first time in several years.

The two-day championships will include team and individual competitions in each weapon and a three-weapon team chafpionship based on the total number of bouts won by each college in all of the team events. Each member will be represented in each weapon by a team of three men, designated as Class 1 fencers, Class 2 and Class 3 fencers.

The bout committee is headed by Richard F. Warren, Pennsylvania, and includes Dr. Stephen Joseph Herben, of Rutgers; Edward Lane, of Harvard; William Pecora, of Princeton; and Jean Marius Gelas, Hamilton coach. The president of the association is Malcolm Farmer, of Yale, and Asa S. Bushnell is its secretary-treasurer.

The 7th Regiment facilities have been loaned to the association by Colonel Ralph C. Tobin, commanding officer of the regiment.

Psi U's Win Basketball Title from Lambda Chi's

The interfraternity basketball competition ended last week when the Psi U's nosed out the Lambda Chi's by a 19-18 score.

Led by Bob Henry, whose floor work was excellent, the Psi U's managed to grab a slight lead near the end of the game, and held on to it even though it seemed that the Lambda Chi's might finally win out. The game was a close one throughout, the lead changing hands very often.

Bill Lowden and Bill Day played well for the Lambda Chi's, while Bud Van Deusen and Bill Taggart did well for the Psi U's.

Mr. Sloane has formed a drama class composed of fifteen freshmen who attained a grade of B or better in composition for the first semester. The group meets at the Faculty Club once a week and discusses classical drama with Mr. Sloane. This provides an excellent opportunity for supervised extra-curricular work aside from athletics.

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EDITOR'S DESK—

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doesn't print any news which is not already known to the undergraduate body. We've thought a lot about this criticism, and have seriously considered murdering somebody late some Wednesday afternoon for the story's news value. As Mr. Sebring, night city ed of the Herald-Tribune, said when we showed him the letter, "Ye gods, students would go crazy if you did print news they didn't know. Don't worry about it." We won't.

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While snooping about the inner rooms of the Press Board building, we ran across two very interesting telegrams from the Rochester "Democrat" and "Chronicle". The first one, with the time stated on it 1:50 p. m., ordered "Send Hayes pix and 300 story early." Super-snooper Main assured us that the story and picture were sent. The other wire, dated the same day with the time written as 10:57 p. m., said, "Do not send any more unordered stories collect." Main is still doing the safe thing he did when he received the last one—he's scratching his head and saying, "Doggone it, I can't understand it."

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The Pi Delt poll we've been harping about during the last two or three weeks is going to receive the same handling this week. The attempt to do a hasty compilation of the answers resulted in tragedy, as everybody seemed to have more to say on a question than yes and no. Pi Delt's plan now is to run a series of articles on the questionnaire, commenting on certain of the questions each week. The faculty will recive their copies in the mail this week along with the college calendar, and we hope they'll take the trouble to fill them out and hand them in sometime during vacation, when the trials and tribulations of classes, examinations, trucks, and cars are not upon them.

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The approaching marriage of Miss Sicard and Mr. Beilby, '38, in the chapel on March 25 makes us downright sore. We thought when we first heard the news that George had decided to add a bit of excitement to our humdrum lives by having the ceremony performed here, but now that we realize he's picked a time when there will be scarcely an undergrad left on the Hill, we're seething with righteous indignation. Just wait and see if he gets a wedding present from us.

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Last night found the publications men gathered about the phone in the maternity ward in Silliman Hall. Repeated calls to the nurse revealed nothing but the fact that the baby had not as yet been born; and so ye eds, all ready to create after the creation, chewed their nails and smoked cigarettes in true fatherly fashion. The news that the faculty finally got through the birth O. K. was greeted with a sigh of relief. Ye eds trooped out for a beer. No work to do.

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A personal letter from an alumnus in New York tells of an interesting experience which another graduate had recently. All hepped up, this other alumnus headed from Long Island into New York City for the alumni banquet. He got into New York in plenty of time all right, but he landed at the wrong hotel. After drinking his way through a waiting period of an hour or two, he hied himself to a phone and found out his mistake. He left the telephone, grabbed his hat and coat, and hailed a taxicab, giving the cabbie directions to "Step on it!" The taxi flew around in true New York fashion and pulled up some minutes later in front of another hotel. The alumnus jumped out, paid the fare, and the taxi whizzed off. Turning around, the Hamiltonian stared in dismay at another wrong hotel. Our correspondent informs us that the grad was so upset by it all he went right in, ordered a double scotch and soda, and sang "Gather Close" for the rest of the evening.

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By R. S. W.

Ziggy Elman, following in the footsteps of two other ex-Goodman trumpet men, Bunny Berigan and Harry James, has organized a band of his own. His first wax efforts for Bluebird are the couplings, "Fralich In Swing" with "Bublichki", and "Sugar" with "29th and Dearborn". All four sides show the Goodman influence, but the rhythm is less intense than is the usual Goodman style. Elman, like few men with new orchestras, has a competent rhythm section to lend body and background to his trumpeting. All the tunes contain long Elman solos, "Bublicki" being almost entirely trumpeting.

Glen Gray, college favorite of a few years back, has grooved four new numbers, "Hoboken Bucket", "Last Night A Miracle Happened", "Memories of You", and "Nutty Nursery Rhymes". The first of these shows restraint and good taste in the handling of a difficult theme, and the second is smooth and danceable with an attractive vocal by Kenny Sargent. Of the other two, "Memories" contains some of the best Sunny Dunham trumpet passages to be heard for a long while, and "Nursery Rhymes" present Pee Wee Hunt in lyrics and melody which suffer greatly in comparison to the Luncefordian classic, "If I Had Rhythm In My Nursery Rhymes". Of the four as a group it may be said that the Casa Loma outfit, practically the same aggregation as in the days when the band played at Glen Island, is doing nicely, even though it lacks the brilliant arrangement that made it famous.

Four numbers out of the new Artie Shaw Aibum are Vincent Youmans' "Carioca", Rudolph Friml's "The Donkey Serenade", Jerome Kern's "My Bill", and Hart and Rodgers "My Heart Stood Still". These are mostly interesting because they show how well Shaw can take hits of the twenties and early thirties and adapt them to the swing idiom of the present.

Jottings: Jan Campbell's orchestra, long a favorite on the Hill, is swiftly moving up the swing ladder. He recently received a favorably notice in "Metronone", a magazine devoted to popular music, and plays over WIBX. He is currently featured at the Riverside Club.

Delta Sigma Rho Meets In Legislative Session

Alan B. McMillen, '39, will represent Hamilton at the National Student Congress of Delta Sigma Rho, to be held in Washington on March 30, 31, and April 1.

This year's congress of the well-known forensic fraternity is to be addressed by Senator Josh Lee and several other prominent members of Congress. The convention will take the form of a legislative session, with each member assigned to one of the four committees, which will make recommendations concerning the Neutrality Act, national defense, monopolies, and the National Labor Relations Act. Action will be taken on the recommendations of each committee by the convention as a whole. The program of the convention will include a banquet and dance in addition to its legislative activities.

McMillen has been prominent in the forensic activities of the college during his four years here. He is well known as a fiery debater and a fluent speaker.

RUTGERS DEBATE—

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two Hamilton debaters will meet a Princeton team in Utica. The contest will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church before the Chevaliers, a society of men of the church. The public is invited.

W. Allenby Jones and Ralph E. Hansmann will uphold the negative of the resolution that we should make a formal alliance with Great Britain.

EDMAN LECTURES—

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less we abandon the ultimate luxuries which justify life itself, we cannot give up contemplation. What seems to be a luxury is a necessity—an act of spiritual vision and surgery in a crisis." The speaker answered the second question quite simply, merely stating that "contemplation, whether a luxury or a necessity, is a an intrinsic good in itself." Elaborating on this statement, Professor Edman pointed out that philosophy had its birth in skepticism, a most necessary element in any conscious thought. Ending his speech on this point, Professor Edman said, "If philosophy did nothing more than make us doubt, its use would be completely justified. That, ladies and gentlemen, is the way I feel about philosphy."

Professor Edman has been on the Columbia faculty for 19 years, during which period he has written six books, the latest being "Philosopher's Holiday". His journalistic fame also rests in his noted contributions to the "Nation", "Harper", and the "Saturday Review", as well as the "New York Times" and "Herald-Tribune". The discussion was continued informally, as is the Hamilton custom, at Sigma Phi Hall.

Squires Entertain Members of Faculty and Trustees at Tea

The members of the Squires Club, newly organized group of non-fraternity men on the Hill, were hosts to members of the faculty, administration, and Trustee Board on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, when they held a tea in the Hall of Commons.

Members of the faculty and their wives attended both receptions. Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Evans and Dr. and Mrs. J. I. Farrell, trustees from Utica, were at Saturday's tea, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rudd and Mr. Coughlin attended on Sunday.

Robert L. Lewis, '40, president of the Squires Club, was chairman for both teas. The members of the committee aiding Mr. Lewis were Harry McCormick, Philip Scottong, and Larry Goldbas. The Messrs. Dealy, Patterson, Carruth, Graves, Bonham, and Ristine also helped the committee.

PHYSICISTS TO MEET—

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Mendenhall, of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, will discuss "Some Physical Problems in Connection with the Design of Vacuum Tubes".

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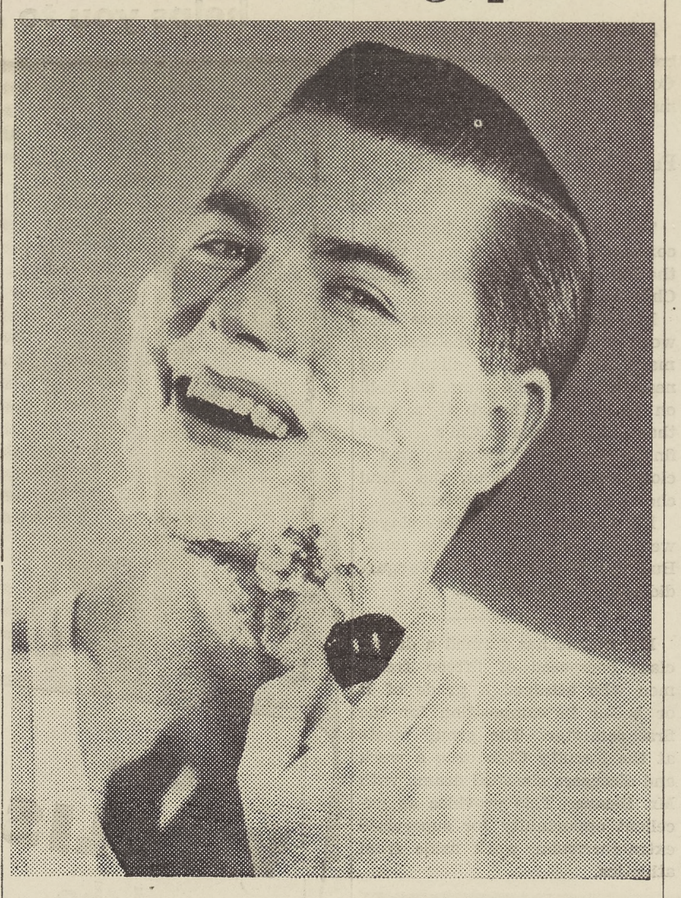

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